

REMARKS

Preliminary to examination of the application, Applicant requests entry of this preliminary amendment. The parent application (U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/209,948) was subject to a restriction requirement (see Office Action dated June 3, 2003; paper no. 5), in which Applicant elected the device claims 1-30. The present application includes the method claims 31-36 that were withdrawn during prosecution of the parent application.

Claims 1-36 were originally presented. Original claims 31-36 remain in the application. Claims 1-30 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 37-67 have been added by this preliminary amendment.

CONCLUSION

If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Garron M. Hobson at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Check No. 1772, in the amount of \$210.00 is enclosed for the filing fee, and seventeen claims in excess of twenty, and four independent claims in excess of three.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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